

CALIFORNIA CODES
PUBLIC **RESOURCES** CODE
SECTION 75070-75079

75070. Every proposed activity or project to be financed pursuant to this division shall be in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000).

75070.4. Acquisitions of real property pursuant to Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 shall be from willing sellers.

75070.5. Not more than 5% of the funds allocated to any program in this division may be used to pay the costs incurred in the administration of that program.

75071. In evaluating potential projects that include acquisition or restoration for the purpose of natural resource protection, the Department of Parks and Recreation, the board, and the State Coastal Conservancy shall give priority to projects that demonstrate one or more of the following characteristics:

(a) Landscape/Habitat Linkages: properties that link to, or contribute to linking, existing protected areas with other large blocks of protected habitat. Linkages must serve to connect existing protected areas, facilitate wildlife movement or botanical transfer, and result in sustainable combined acreage.

(b) Watershed Protection: projects that contribute to long-term protection of and improvement to the water and biological quality of the streams, aquifers, and terrestrial **resources** of priority watersheds of the major biological regions of the state as identified by the **Resources** Agency.

(c) Properties that support relatively large areas of under-protected major habitat types.

(d) Properties that provide habitat linkages between two or more major biological regions of the state.

(e) Properties for which there is a non-state matching contribution toward the acquisition, restoration, stewardship or management costs. Matching contributions can be either monetary or in the form of services, including volunteer services.

(f) At least fourteen days before approving an acquisition project funded by this division, an agency subject to this section shall submit to the **Resources** Agency and post on its website an explanation as to whether and how the proposed acquisition meets criteria established in this section.

75071.5. The Department of Parks and Recreation, the board, and the State Coastal Conservancy shall work with the United States Department of Defense to coordinate the development of buffer areas around military facilities that facilitate the continued operation of those facilities and promote the conservation and recreation goals of the state. To the extent consistent with this division, agencies may provide funding to support projects that meet the purposes of this section.

75072. Up to 10 percent of funds allocated for each program funded by this division may be used to finance planning and monitoring necessary for the successful design, selection, and implementation of the projects authorized under that program. This provision shall not otherwise restrict funds ordinarily used by an agency for "preliminary plans," "working drawings," and "construction" as defined in the Annual Budget Act for a capital outlay project or grant project. Water quality monitoring shall be integrated into the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program administered by the state board.

75072.5. For the purposes of Section 75060(e), "Monterey Bay and its watersheds" shall be considered to be watersheds of those rivers and streams in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties flowing to the Monterey Bay southward to, and including, the Carmel River watershed.

75072.6. For purposes of Section 75060(f), "San Diego Bay and adjacent watersheds" includes the coastal and bay watersheds within San Diego County.

75072.7. For purposes of Section 75060(d), "Santa Monica Bay and watershed" includes the coastal and bay watersheds in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties from Calleguas Creek southward to the San Gabriel River.

75073. Funds scheduled in Chapter 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this division that are not designated for competitive grant programs may also be used for the purposes of reimbursing the General Fund, pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000 (Division 28 (commencing with Section 37000)).

75074. In enacting Chapters 5, 6, 7 and 8 of this division it is the intent of the people that when a project or program is funded herein, funds for such program or project may be used to the full extent authorized by the statute governing the program or conservancy receiving such funds.

75075. The body awarding any contract for a public works project financed in any part from funds made available pursuant to this division shall adopt and enforce, or contract with a third party to enforce, a labor compliance program pursuant to subdivision (b) of Labor **Code** Section 1771.5 for application to that public works project.

75076. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government **Code** does not apply to the development and adoption of program guidelines and selection criteria adopted pursuant to this chapter.

75077. Funds provided pursuant to this chapter, and any appropriation or transfer of those funds, shall not be deemed to be a transfer of funds for the purposes of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 2780) of Division 3 of the Fish and Game **Code**.

75078. The Secretary shall provide for an independent audit of expenditures pursuant to this division to ensure that all moneys are expended in accordance with the requirements of this division. The secretary shall publish a list of all program and project expenditures pursuant to this division not less than annually, in written form, and shall post an electronic form of the list on the **Resources** Agency's Internet Website.

75079. The Secretary shall appoint a citizen advisory committee to review the annual audit and to identify and recommend actions to ensure that the intent and purposes of this division are met by the agencies responsible for implementation of this division.